

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-21 and 26-28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 22 as follows:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Presently Amended) A twist mop comprising:

a) a pole;

b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;

c) a movable collar connected to both the fibers and the pole, said collar being adapted to traverse the pole in an axial and a radial direction, the collar including lower slots with the fibers being woven into the lower slots, the collar being guided around the pole when the collar is moved about the pole in a radial direction;

d) an upper spline connected to the pole, said upper spline interacting with the collar;

e) a pawl connected to the collar, the pawl being shaped to flex toward the upper spline when said collar axially and radially traverses the pole, the pawl including projections and a base, the projections being inside the collar and the base being outside the collar, the projections connecting to the base so that a majority of the base material is distal from the projections;

f) a middle slot located on the collar for inserting the pawl;

g) a lower spline, the lower spline interacting with the pawl and allowing the collar to move in a radial direction substantially preventing the collar from turning when mopping; and

~~The mop of claim 21, further comprising~~

h) an axial area between the upper and lower spline, the axial area having no spline so that the collar may move in any radial direction to un-wring the mop fibers,
whereby the fibers are pulled taut when the collar rotates in a first direction around the upper spline and whereby the axial length of the upper spline allows the spline to engage the pawl when the mop fibers are wrung.

23. (Previously Presented) The mop of claim 22, wherein upper and lower splines are each on stationary collars, the upper stationary collar having an upper area, the lower stationary collar having a lower area,
whereby the upper area and lower area are without a spline to limit the axial motion of movable collar.

24. (Previously Presented) The mop of claim 23, further comprising a top handle, a middle handle, and a hook.

25. (Previously Presented) The mop of claim 24, wherein the top and middle handles are contoured to comfortably engage a hand of a user.

26-28. (Cancelled)

Please add new claims 29-37.

29. (Newly Presented) A twist mop comprising:
a) an elongated pole;

b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;

c) a movable collar connected to both the fibers and the pole, said collar being adapted to move both along and about the longitudinal axis of the pole, said collar including a slot;

d) an upper spline connected to the pole and adapted to interact with the collar;

and

e) a pawl connected to the collar and adapted to engage the spline, said pawl comprising an elongate member having a plurality of projections extending from a side thereof, said pawl further including a neck disposed at an end of the elongated member distal to the projections and extending therefrom in a direction opposite that of the projections, the end of the neck spaced from the elongated member including a base, said neck having a length substantially equal to the wall thickness of the collar and extending through the slot in the collar wherein the elongate member and the projections are located in the interior of the collar and the base of the pawl is located outside of the collar, the size of the pawl base being larger than the slot in the collar to prevent the pawl from passing through the slot.

30. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 29, wherein the collar comprises lower slots and the mop fibers are woven into the lower slots.

31. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 30, wherein the collar is guided around the pole when the collar is moved about the pole in a radial direction.

32. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 31, wherein an axial length of the upper spline allows the spline to engage the pawl when the mop fibers are wrung.

33. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 32 further comprising a lower spline, the lower spline interacting with the pawl and allowing the collar to move in a radial direction substantially preventing the collar from turning when mopping.

34. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 33, further comprising an axial area between the upper and lower spline, the axial area having no spline so that the collar may move in any radial direction to un-wring the mop fibers.

35. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 34, wherein upper and lower splines are each on stationary collars, the upper stationary collar having an upper area, the lower stationary collar having a lower area,
whereby the upper area and lower area are without a spline to limit the axial motion of movable collar.

36. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 35, further comprising a top handle, a middle handle, and a hook.

37. (Newly Presented) The mop of claim 36, wherein the top and middle handles are contoured to comfortably engage a hand of a user.